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**SHEA FIELD**

## Skate park given gift of \$10K

By Peter Spotts  
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The Shea Field skate park will be revamped and re-ramped thanks to a \$10,000 corporate donation.

The City Council this week announced a donation from Converse, through a connection with Theory Skate Shop of Holyoke, to restore and improve the ramps in the park. Details of the work have not yet been determined, Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks said, but will fund “ramp improvements and additions.”

“Some of our ramps are some of our original ramps from back in 2001,” Sparks added. “We did not make a full plan until we were sure we had the money. We will sit down and look at what we can rehab, what we can improve, and what needs to be completely replaced. ... We always try to do our improvements in spring, before school lets out. Once we have our [City] Council’s approval [to accept the donation], we will start making our plans.”

He said the large gift “stems from my relationship with Theo-

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There hasn’t been enough snow to build the real thing yet this winter, but Emily Boucher, 3 1/2, of Westfield, was able to add a nose and eyes to “Frosty,” her paper snowman, at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday. Participants in the winter reading program at the Children’s Room are invited to decorate and add sections to their snowmen when they read at least 15 minutes a day, three days straight. Those who complete their snowmen, like Emily, will be invited to an ice cream party Feb. 16.

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### KEYS TO KINDERGARTEN



Kindergarten teacher Meghan McGuire demonstrates an “interactive read-aloud” with her colleague Diane Donah at the Keys to Kindergarten presentation Tuesday. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## Teachers: Pre-K listening, learning skills are important

By Michael J. Ballway  
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Your five-year-old will probably be ready for kindergarten when the time comes, so don’t worry.

That was the message of kindergarten and early childhood educators at the Agawam Family and Community Program’s

“Keys to Kindergarten,” presented Tuesday at the Agawam Public Library.

Robin Fernandes, director of the town’s Early Childhood Center, asked parents not to stress out about the fact that full-day kindergarten has become the “new first grade.” By the end of that first

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### DOERING SCHOOL

## State funds sought to replace failing boilers

By Mike Lydick  
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If the two boilers at the Roberta G. Doering School were graded like students at the school, they would get an “F,” because they are failing.

Not only are the aging boilers failing, but they are also beyond repair, according to Superintendent William Sapelli. He was notified recently by the town’s building maintenance department that the cast-iron boilers — both more than 50 years old — are “drastically ineffective.” Repairing them is no longer an option.

Sapelli brought the issue to the attention of the School Committee at its Jan. 26 meeting when he asked the committee to suspend the rules that require voting on new business items after a second and third reading. He requested a vote that evening on a resolution to submit a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to cover some of the costs to replace the boilers.

MSBA is a quasi-independent government authority that helps fund capital improvement projects in public schools. Through



Sue Federico, principal at Doering School, and Russ Duval, who works for the town’s building maintenance department, look over the two boilers that heat the school. Both are beyond repair and need to be replaced because of leaks.

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its Accelerated Repair Program, towns and cities can apply for funds to repair or replace windows, roofs or boilers in otherwise structurally sound buildings. Statements seeking funds from the repair program are due by Feb. 12.

Sapelli said after the meeting that while the boilers are failing, he anticipates they should last through the heating season.

“We’ve been fortunate that the weather has been mild so far

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# Wozniak tapped to lead Chamber

Robin Wozniak of Agawam took office this week as executive director of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce. Chamber President Chuck Kelly announced the hire on Monday, noting that Wozniak comes with an extensive business background in sales and event management. The West of the River Chamber serves the business community of Agawam and West Springfield.

In a prepared statement, Kelly said that the Chamber's growth in the past few years has shown the need for a dedicated executive director.



Robin Wozniak

"Wozniak is just the person to bring businesses closer together as members and will have a strong working relationship with Agawam and West Springfield government representatives. This will help ensure that the Chamber has a positive business climate for its members and the communities they represent," Kelly said.

Wozniak successfully coordinated a recent four-Chamber Lunch & Learn event, covering Robert's Rules of Order.

The West of the River Chamber expressed its gratitude to Deb Boronski and Chamber Management Services for the dedicated service they have received and for helping to ensure a seamless transition.

For more information on the Chamber, call 413-426-3880, email [info@westoftheriverchamber.com](mailto:info@westoftheriverchamber.com) or visit [www.westoftheriverchamber.com](http://www.westoftheriverchamber.com).

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## Congregational Church news, upcoming events

All are invited to attend the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., "a place to call home — a people to call family." Worship service is at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings with a children's message, church school and fellowship and coffee hour following. Playgroup meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. It follows the Agawam public schools schedule.

Sunday, Feb. 7: Family Communion and Boy Scout Sunday. No church school today and coffee hour. Undies Sunday. Collection baskets will be the church this month for new underwear to be donated to the Springfield Rescue Mission.

Wednesday, Feb. 10: 7 p.m., Ash Wednesday service.

Saturday, Feb. 13: 1-3 p.m., Chocolate Affair. Open to the public.

Sunday, Feb. 14: 10 a.m., Worship service, Annual Meeting of the congregation, Undies Sunday, church school and coffee fellowship hour.

Monday, Feb. 15: 4 p.m., Loaves & Fishes. Office closed for President's Day.

Saturday, Feb. 20: 7:30 a.m., Men's Ministry meeting at Bobbie J'z.

Sunday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m., Worship service, Undies Sunday, G3, church school, Faithful Friends, and coffee hour.

Monday, Feb. 22: 7 p.m., Women's Ministry meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: 9 a.m., newsletter collation; 7 p.m., Prayer Time with Pastor Greg.

Sunday, Feb. 28: 10 a.m., Worship service, church school and coffee hour.

Pastor Greg E. Dawson is available for prayer after the service. The church offers many programs, special family activities, trips, picnics and more. Newcomers are welcome and members of the community are invited to participate in all church events. For more information, call the church office at 413-786-7111. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until noon.

### Cultural Council welcomes new members

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. The meeting is at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., and is open to the public.

An opportunity exists with the Agawam Cultural Council for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



Jeff Gavioli and his Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will return as featured entertainment for Agawam Cultural Council's Annual Benefit Dinner Dance on June 3. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## Bad News is back for Cultural Council dance

June is a busy time of year, and the Agawam Cultural Council wants to be sure residents add the June 3 benefit dinner dance to their calendar before it fills up. On that day, Jeff Gavioli and his Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra will return by popular demand as the featured musical act at the Friday, June 3, event to be held at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

The evening will start with a social hour and dance instruction at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing to the sounds of one of the Pioneer Valley's most popular big band jazz groups. The 18-piece group, complete with vocalist, will provide original big band-style jazz and swing music throughout the evening.

Tickets to the dinner dance are \$45 per person, with tables of eight, 10 and 12 available. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Maryellen Sullivan at 413-575-1759 or rudee38@comcast.net. Tickets may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check made out to Agawam Cultural Council to Agawam Cultur-

al Council, Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001, Attention: Dinner Dance.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Cultural Council's "Give Back to the Community" program. The program, which is funded entirely by the council's own local fundraising efforts, has made possible such activities as writing contests, productions by Shakespeare & Co. at the Agawam High School, the Applause Series — monthly events from September to May, free and open to the public, featuring a variety of performers, authors and lecturers; donations to support the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Public Library and the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Juried Art and Photo Show, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Musical Petting Zoo presented to kindergarten students at all Agawam Elementary Schools, and tickets to Majestic Theater Summer Programs for children participating in library-held contests.

Learn more about the Agawam Cultural Council at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

## Bishop to celebrate healing Mass next week

Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will again host the annual Mass of Healing and Anointing at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11. This year, Bishop Mitchell Rozanski will be the celebrant.

The observance of the World Day of the Sick was instituted in 1992 by Pope St. John Paul II who designated that day the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as a special day in which to pray for those who are sick and suffering in any way. Parishes from Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Southwick and Russell are being invited to join this special

liturgy.

The Sacrament of the Sick will be available as well as the opportunity to be prayed over by one of the many priests and deacons that will be there for this event. Following the Mass, there will be a reception at the Parish Center.

Since Sacred Heart Parish has been designated a pilgrimage site by the bishop for the deanery during this jubilee year, he will bless the Door of Mercy at the beginning of Mass. The church is at 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

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# Opinion

OUR VIEW

## Don't leave furry friends in the cold

While Mother Nature has surely been wishy-washy with the weather this winter, it's imperative we don't forget about our four-legged furry friends when it comes to their seasonal needs.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has offered tips to help pet owners ensure they are being responsible caregivers during these wonky winter months in New England.

First, do not leave your pet outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing. You wouldn't want to be out there — why would the dog?

They need outdoor exercise, but take care not to keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time during very cold weather. You may have a "cold-weather" breed of dog, but each pet is an individual, and those that live their lives mostly indoors need time to adapt to cold temperatures by building up a thicker coat and toughening their footpads for ice and snow.

Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

Many dogs need boots in cold weather, regardless of their coat length. If your dog frequently lifts up its paws, whines or stops during walks, it may be demonstrating its feet are uncomfortably cold.

Boots can help protect from another winter hazard: road salt. If your pet walks on salted or chemically treated areas, be sure to wash its paws after your walk. Gently rub the bottom of the feet to remove these irritants as soon as your dog is off the road.

Other big dangers of the winter months are antifreeze and de-icing chemicals. Many types of antifreeze have a sweet taste that can attract animals, but if they ingest the chemical it may prove to be fatal. Always store antifreeze out of reach and clean up spills.

Speaking of cars, be sure to make sure there are no animals seeking warmth and shelter inside your car engine. Warm automobile engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife. To avoid injuring hiding animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them off before starting your engine.

Keep pets on a leash when walking near suspected frozen bodies of water like lakes or ponds. The ice may not be sturdy enough to support its weight. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it yourself; call 911 or go for help.

If your pet does stay outside during the winter months, be mindful of wind-chill. Outdoor dogs need a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow it to both sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to retain body heat.

The floor should be elevated a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The entrance of the doghouse should be turned to face away from prevailing winds, and the entrance should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.

But the best place for them is really inside with you, enjoying the warmth of the house.

*What do you think? Email your letter to the editor to [aan@turley.com](mailto:aan@turley.com).*

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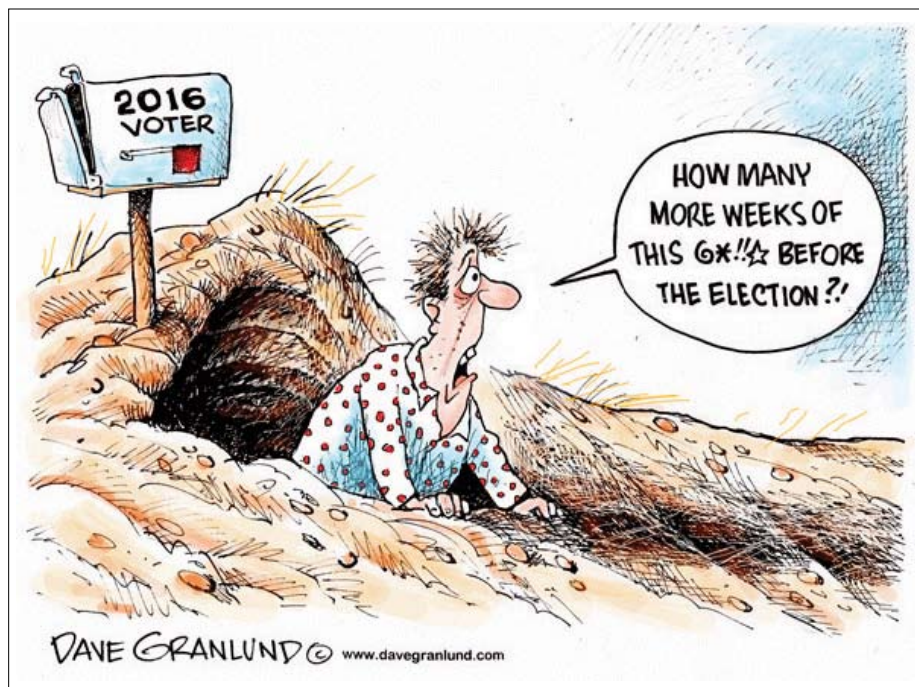
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## Letter to the Editor

### 'Just a thought' to fix Feeding Hills traffic

It's no secret that the center of Feeding Hills is a traffic nightmare. It's also no secret that we cannot depend on anything being done to resolve the problems any time soon, no matter what the promises are. As a person who frequently travels through the center, I have often thought about a possible temporary solution that would require no construction and no money.

There's really no problem with the traffic traveling from North Westfield and South Westfield streets; the problem is the traffic traveling from Springfield and Southwick streets. So, I wonder if it would be possible to adjust the traffic lights so that the traffic

coming from Southwick Street could have a red light while the traffic coming from Springfield Street has a green light to go straight, turn left, or turn right. Then the traffic from Southwick Street could have a green light to go straight, turn left, or turn right while the traffic coming from Springfield Street has a red light.

This solution might prevent impatient drivers from turning left in front of oncoming traffic, causing accidents. Just a thought.

**Kathleen A. Mounemneh**  
Feeding Hills

## YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

### The Class of '23 – end of story

For several years, Mike Marieb and I have tried to prove whether or not there was a class of 1923 at Agawam High School. Until recently, I started to think that there was not enough proof one way or the other. Pieces of evidence were contradictory.

Bill Miller recently brought me photocopies of pages from the Town Report dated Dec. 31, 1924. There is a sentence on page 96 which may be the answer to the dilemma. Keep reading and I'll tell you what it was.

To completely understand the school situation after World War I ended, you may want to read the town reports in the lower level of our library. You will find that our town was growing faster than our schools had rooms for. The new Junior-Senior High School which opened in September of 1922 was supposed to relieve the congestion, but it was not enough. Houses were being built and a parochial school was not reopened, sending more young children into the system. Four rooms were added to the Springfield Street (Plains) school in September of 1924. That helped, but what happened in 1922 and 1923? The Plains school had to have double sessions for the sixth graders in 1923. The American Legion was used for one classroom and another class met in a room that was not supposed to be a classroom.

Our superintendent, Benjamin Phelps, had a numbers problem. His new school had to help out and absorb some of the overflow, but Mr. Phelps had only so many rooms. What could he do? The town reports emphatically state that there were no seniors in the year 1922-23 at AHS. What did that mean? Courses like English IV, Economics, Advanced Accounting, Physics and others would not be offered until September of 1923. That meant that the rooms that would be used for those

courses were available for students in the lower grades.

My belief is that Benjamin Phelps told the Agawam students who had been juniors at West Springfield High School in the school year 1921-22 that they could finish their final year of high school in Agawam, but would be in classrooms with the juniors. In June of 1923 they would be given diplomas.

The proof of this belief is one sentence on the pages brought to me by Bill Miller. The Town Report is describing the first commencement, which took place on June 10, 1924. What does this sentence mean? "The class then joined the ranks of the first alumni." In order to join the ranks of a group, that group has to already exist. If there had been no graduates in 1923, the sentence would have read, "The class then became the first alumni." I rest my case, and hope this topic is done and we can go on to write about the rest of the ranks of alumni.

Richard Toelken '42 recently mailed a scrapbook of newspaper clippings to David Cecchi for the Agawam Historical Commission. One of the clippings was the story about Benjamin Phelps losing his life after falling off the back of a pickup truck in 1946. The pickup truck was being driven by 17-year-old Fred Ramah of 150 Cooper St. Mr. Phelps and some of the brush fell off the back of the truck near Lloyd's Hill, which is where Kidder Stacy and Buxton used to be located. He was taken to Wesson Hospital, where he succumbed to his injury. That was a big loss for the Agawam school system.

*Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.*



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## FAITH MATTERS

## Stop grumbling

The Bible tells us in Philippians 2:14 to do everything without grumbling or complaining. Sounds like a tall order. Is it even possible to live such a life, when we consider how easily we grumble and complain?

I can remember being on my honeymoon in the Bahamas and doing a lot of grumbling and complaining. It was humid out and I don't do well in humidity. The place we were staying wasn't all that it was supposed to be. The drive to the deserted white sands beach was too long and tiring. Really, when you think of it, I had nothing to grumble about. I was in a tropical destination to which people dream of going. If nothing else, I was on my honeymoon. What more did I need than to be with my new wife for a whole week?

Why is it that as humans and even more so as Americans, we grumble so easily? Jon Bloom says, "Grumbling is declaring God is not sufficiently good, faithful, loving, wise, powerful or competent. Otherwise, he would treat us better or run the universe more efficiently." When we grumble we are telling God that we could do a better job. But all that is saying is that we are looking with our human understanding at the events we are currently living through. Humans can't even see the next hour, never mind the next day, week or month. God, on the other hand, can.

There have been a number of times in my life when I complained to God about what He was doing at that moment, only to later realize how perfect His timing and plan was. My daughter didn't make the "A" team one year and it was an obvious political move. I was furious at God and others. How could He allow this to happen? By

the time the season was over, my daughter was much more confident about her soccer skills, having been the best player on the "B" team, which went to the playoffs, while the "A" team got demoralized most of the season. My daughter still plays soccer today because she played on the "B" team. I never could have seen that six months earlier when the decision was made, but God could.



Rev. Brad Peterson

Not all complaining is sinful. God encourages us to lament and pour out our frustrations and hurts to Him. Most of the Psalms are that way. The writer is angry, frustrated, afraid, and plain ticked off at God. So what makes the difference? The Psalmist always gives control to God in the end. Proverbs 3:5, 6 tells us not to lean on our own understanding but to trust God. When we grumble, we are seeing with our own understanding and need to remind ourselves to trust God and His understanding.

Having seen God's wisdom on things I initially didn't think were right should make me more trusting of God. I should grumble less because I know God knows best. Hopefully, I do grumble less, but I know I still don't live my life without grumbling and complaining. The next time you are tempted to grumble, realize God may be using that instance to test you. He may want to see if you will trust Him instead of your own abilities. If you will trust God and surrender it to Him, you will find that life is much more enjoyable and usually turns out better for you. Not that it will be easier, but better.

*The Rev. Brad Peterson is senior pastor at Hope Community Church on South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.*

## Wine, chocolate tasting at art museum

SPRINGFIELD — On Thursday, Feb. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m., the Springfield Museums will present the next Culture & Cocktails event of the season, "Indulgence: An Evening of Wine of Chocolate," at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Admission includes the chance to taste a variety of wines and enjoy chocolate samples, courtesy of Carolyn Rogers of Dove Chocolate Discoveries, while taking in the museum's unique array of Asian decorative arts, Japanese weaponry and American paintings. The featured exhibition currently on view at the "George Walter" is the Cabinets of Curiosity exhibit of rare and sometimes strange objects displayed by Victorian-era collectors, including the museum's namesake. Visitors can also enjoy creating a cork keychain under the guidance of a museum educator, and the Ross Novgrad Jazz Trio will provide live jazz for the event.

Catering at all five Culture & Cocktails events this year is by Log Rolling Cater-

ing, with passed hors d'oeuvres and other treats all included with admission. There will also be a cash bar and additional food options available for purchase, including Log Rolling's cheeseburger chowder served in a bread bowl.

Tickets are \$15 for nonmembers and \$5 for members. Due to the popularity of the event in the past, purchasing advance tickets is encouraged. Tickets may be purchased at the Welcome Center or visiting the Museums' website. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

Culture & Cocktails are after-five events held at one of the four museums on the Quadrangle campus. Each event's theme is inspired by the Springfield Museums' extensive collections, special exhibits and holiday celebrations. The next event will take place April 7 and serve as the kickoff for the annual Festival of Flowers. More event information is available at [springfieldmuseums.org](http://springfieldmuseums.org) and [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldMuseums/](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldMuseums/).

## Obituaries

## Katherine B. Pisano, 90

Katherine (Kay) Sharit Pisano of Agawam, 90, passed away Jan. 29. She was born in Gardendale, Ala., to the late Eugene and Ruby Sharit.

She was predeceased by her husband, Felix (Phil) Pisano in 1975 and her daughter, Phyllis Pisano Wells, in 2012. Katherine is survived by her granddaughter, Pamala Taylor, her great-grandchildren, Kayleigh, Payton, Presley and Gavin, and her great-great-grand-

daughter, Liliana. She also leaves to cherish her memory her sister-in-law, Bernice Nowill, and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a celebration of her life on Friday, Feb. 5, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Agawam. End of life services were entrusted to Avalon Life Celebration Center & Cremation Services LLC, 691 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077. [www.avaloncelebrations.com](http://www.avaloncelebrations.com)

## Geraldine R. Ferioli, 94

Geraldine R. (Fiala) Ferioli, 94, passed away Thursday, Jan. 21, at Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Born in West Springfield Jan. 15, 1922, she was the daughter of the late August and Margaret (King) Fiala.

Geraldine spent most of her life in West Springfield and Agawam, and was a communicant of the former St. Anthony of Padua Church in Agawam. She created a warm and loving home, delighted in her family and enjoyed cooking, gardening and crafts.

Her husband Dante A. Ferioli died in 1996. She leaves her beloved children, Robert A. Ferioli and his wife Lucretia of Agawam

and Carolyn M. Hurley of Wilmington, N.C., along with her loving grandchildren, Lisa and husband Jeffrey Coderre of Monson, Peter Ferioli of Agawam,

Jeremy and wife Krissy Hurley of Redwood City, Calif., and Katie Hurley (Demerito) of Eliot, Maine. Also her beloved great-grandchildren, Ben and Ryan Coderre, Natalie and Abigail Hurley and Thomas and Hayden Demerato.

The family would like to thank the staff at Heritage Woods and Heritage Hall for all of their care and compassion. A private service was held Jan. 30. All arrangements were entrusted to Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home.



## DEATH NOTICES

## Laskowski, Mary A.

Died Jan. 29  
Funeral Feb. 4  
Kapos-Mazur Funeral Home  
Ludlow

## Manning, John J. Jr.

Died Jan. 30  
Funeral Feb. 3  
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home  
West Springfield

## Pettazzoni, Laura M.

Died Jan. 28  
Funeral Feb. 1  
Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home  
West Springfield

## Pisano, Katherine B. (Sharit)

Died Jan. 29  
Celebration of Life Feb. 5  
First Baptist Church of Agawam

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## School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School  
68 Main Street  
Tuesday, Feb. 9 — 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's speak time
6. Highlights on Education
  - a. Music awards
  7. Superintendent's Notes
  8. Student Advisory Committee representative update
  9. Unfinished business:
    - a. SCR-16-04, Approval of job description for a PreK-12 Attendance/Collection/Safety Supervisor
    - b. SCR-16-05, Adoption of

- 2016-2017 school calendar
10. Business meeting:
    - a. Routine matters
    - 1) Approval of minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
    - b. Warrants/Transfers
    - c. Reports:
      - 1). Scheduled reports:
        - Reading Recovery update
        - 2). Subcommittee updates
      11. New business:
        - a. SCR-16-06, Approval for the Academy of Artistic Performance to use the AJHS gymnasium for a baton-twirling contest on March 6, 2016.
        12. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
        13. Adjournment

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year, teachers said, kindergartners will be able to identify numbers up to 100, add and subtract within five units, be able to read about 40 words and write at least one sentence, and properly handle fine-motor objects such as crayons and pencils, scissors and tweezers, zippers, buttons and simple containers.

But those are end-of-the-year skills, teachers said. Parents shouldn't be anxious that their children will be "behind" at the start of kindergarten just because they haven't mastered some academic or physical concept. By the end of the year, she said, everyone will have had a chance to catch up.

"The kindergarten teachers will tell you, when the children come to them, they're all at different levels," said Fernandes. "Don't worry about it at this point. You build up very slowly."

She noted that children arrive with wildly varying early childhood experiences — at home with parents, in a daycare center, dealing mostly with adults or interacting with siblings, friends and classmates. Some are ahead of others in developing physical skills, academic skills or social skills.

No matter where they come from, kindergarten will be something new, Robin-

son Park School teacher Meghan McGuire said.

"They're entering a new environment that focuses on education," she said.

Her colleague Diane Donah, a kindergarten teacher at Clark School for the past eight years, and a preschool teacher for 30 years before that, said that wasn't the case in the past. Today's parents may remember their kindergarten as a year that had less to do with formal education, and dealt almost exclusively with social skills, physical skills, acclimating to school and having fun.

Those elements are still present, but today's kindergarten has a more structured curriculum, including many language and arithmetic skills that were formerly taught in first grade. That makes it more important, for this generation, that students learn to listen, follow directions and be patient.

Still, even though they may be learning some academic concepts, they aren't expected to behave like quiet scholars. In kindergarten, students won't be asked to sit still longer than five minutes, and teachers incorporate games, songs and movement into their lessons whenever possible.

"We still have fun," Donah said. "We make it fun."

The teachers agreed that the "single most important thing" parents can do to

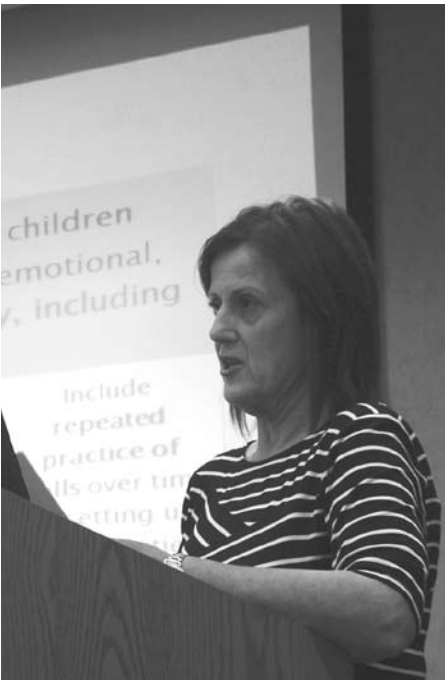
prepare their children for kindergarten is to read to them — not only because it builds language skills, but also because it teaches children to listen, to pay attention and to learn.

Within the kindergarten classroom, said McGuire, teachers use a strategy called the "interactive read-aloud," in which they pause while reading a children's book to prompt students to talk about their reactions to the characters' actions, their impressions of how they would feel in that situation, their predictions for what will happen next.

Some of the most important skills for incoming kindergartners are the ability to listen to verbal instructions, and the ability to self-regulate — to stay still and quiet, to follow directions in the classroom.

"Children are not born with these skills," said Donah. "They are born with the potential to develop them. They have to be taught."

She suggested that parents praise their children when they listen. She also suggested that parents set simple tasks or responsibilities for their preschoolers, then congratulate them for accomplishing the goal. This will also help the children develop their confidence.



Clark School kindergarten teacher Diane Donah discusses how parents can help their preschoolers learn skills and confidence through everyday activities. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

VERIZON
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this winter," he said. "However, even if one boiler should fail, the other one would still be able to provide heat."

The superintendent added that if both boilers were to go down during warmer weather, it shouldn't be too serious an issue because the boilers do not provide hot water. Submitting a statement of interest is the first step to getting funding from the MSBA, but the statement is no guarantee the application will be accepted or approved.

Sapelli said he's confident the MSBA will approve Agawam's application because the problems with the boilers meet the repair program's criteria. The resolution approved

by the School Committee states that the repair program encourages making improvements that will "provide lasting benefits for years to come by increasing the town's ability to save money on energy costs."

Replacing the old boilers with new, energy-efficient boilers would result in an immediate savings on the cost to heat the school, Sapelli said.

**Leaks make boilers unreliable**

Sapelli said he became aware of the critical condition of the boilers just a few weeks ago when Douglas White, the town's director of building maintenance, inspected them. According to the report White sent Sapelli, "cast iron fatigue has caused leaks, resulting in the elimination of boiler

sections."

White said the efficiency of the boilers has been diminished, making them unreliable. Because of their age, he wrote that the "only practical solution" is to replace them. The cost to design a new heating system, remove the existing boilers, and install new boilers would be approximately \$400,000 to \$450,000.

The MSBA could reimburse the town up to 57.7 percent of the cost for new boilers under its Accelerated Repair Program. Sapelli said that he expects the town will fund the remaining portion in its fiscal 2017 budget. He added that he anticipates the boilers will be replaced during the summer and that the project should take about five weeks to complete.

this capacity until the current high school opened in 1955. The school then became a junior high school and then a middle school.

Sapelli said a contributing factor to the current problems with the boilers is the additions made to the building over years — including classrooms and a cafeteria — that have placed additional strain on the heating system. He said there are currently no problems with the boilers at any of the other schools.

'Hospital Hill' topic of Feb. 11 AuthorTalk

Kate Anderson returns to the Agawam Public Library as part of the AuthorTalk series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, with her new novel, "Hospital Hill."

Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. To register, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at [www.agawamlibrary.org](http://www.agawamlibrary.org). The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Soybean paste

5. Unit of time

8. Watering holes

12. Joint

14. Certified public accountant

15. \_\_ Mater, one's school

16. Resells tickets

18. Batter's objective

19. Past participle of lie

20. State of Islands

21. Fed

22. Cause cell destruction

23. Daily Show host

26. Diagrammed

30. Cat sounds

31. Most sorry

32. Do wrong

33. Coral reef and lagoon island

34. That (Middle English)

39. Electrically charged atom

42. Nassau is the capital

44. Frogs, toads, tree toads

46. Marjoram

47. Where the Donald lives in NYC

49. Whale ship captain

50. A way to emit sound

51. Comparable

56. Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist

57. Businesswoman

58. A way to split up

59. Solo Operatic piece

60. No (Scottish)

61. In a way, tears

62. Bridge breadth

63. Single Lens Reflex

64. Thou \_\_ protest too much

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Korean War TV show

2. South American Indian

3. Cape at tip of Denmark

4. A podrida cooking pot

5. Russian sourgrass soup

6. Perfect example

7. Supplier

8. Unhealthy looking

9. Spanish beaches

10. Am. follower of the Mennonite Bishop Amman

11. Well-balanced

13. Outer surface cells

17. Fathers

24. Sun up in New York

25. Dweller above the Mason-Dixon

26. Young women's association

27. Tell on

28. Bustle

29. Poundal

35. An ugly, old woman

36. Doctors' group

37. \_\_ Ling, Chinese mountain range

38. Volcanic mountain in Japan

40. Leaves parentless

41. Existing in or produced by nature

42. Inclination

43. Extents

44. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf

45. Language of Nile

47. Twyla \_\_, US dancer

48. Card game

49. River in E. Turkey to the Caspian Sea

52. Scored 100%

53. Tonight's former host

54. \_\_ and ends

55. Notable exploit

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# Public Safety

## FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 67 EMS calls from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18, and the following emergency response calls.

On Jan. 12 at 2:50 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Jan. 13 at 10:49 a.m., the department responded to River Road for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Jan. 13 at 2:28 p.m., the department responded to Paul Revere drive for good intent call, other.

On Jan. 13 at 3:27 p.m., the department responded to General Abrams Drive for commercial compactor fire, confined to rubbish.

On Jan. 13 at 7:33 p.m., the department responded to Samuel Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On Jan. 14 at 12:16 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Jan. 14 at 3:40 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for lockout.

On Jan. 14 at 7:24 p.m., the department responded to N. Westfield Street for system malfunction, other.

On Jan. 14 at 4:05 p.m., the department responded to Williams Street to cover assignment, standby, move up.

On Jan. 15 at 7:18 p.m., the department responded to Warren Street for gas leak (natural gas or LPG).

On Jan. 16 at 3:15 a.m., the department responded to Oxford Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Jan. 16 at 3 p.m., the department responded to

Sunset Terrace for smoke from barbecue, tar kettle.

On Jan. 16 at 4:55 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for good intent call, other.

On Jan. 16 at 8:50 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Jan. 17 at 9:05 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On Jan. 18 at 4:22 p.m., the department responded to Tobacco Farm Road for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

## POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 246 calls for service from Jan. 26 to Feb. 1. The department recorded one arrest in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

### Friday, Jan. 29

Mathew James Lewis, 28, of 12 Lenox St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on six default warrants for failure to appear, and also charged with failing to identify himself, driving without insurance, driving without a registration, illegally attaching plates to a motor vehicle and driving on a suspended license.

# Valley business group to sponsor Women’s Night of Comedy in March

The Women’s Business Owners Alliance of the Pioneer Valley will host its 23rd annual Women’s Night of Comedy on Thursday, March 31, at Chez Josef, beginning at 5 p.m.

“This event delivers fun, fantastic networking in support of women and girls,” said Mary Ann Dennis, chair of the Women’s Night of Comedy Committee and owner of All Events Realized of South Hadley. “This is truly a ‘fun-raiser’ to benefit the advancement of women and girls.”

The event is a fundraiser for Girls Inc. of Holyoke, which empowers young girls to be “Strong, Smart and Bold,” and Safe Passage of Northampton, which provides women with the support and information that they need in order to make their own choices to keep themselves and their children safe and rebuild their lives in the wake of domestic violence.

This year’s headliners are Jane Condon and Deb Farrar-Parkman.

Condon, who was voted an audience favorite on “Last Comic Standing,” was named one of 10 Comedy Best Bets in Backstage Magazine’s annual comedy issue in 2001. A sneak peek of her act is available at wboa.org/comedynight.

Pakman has been touted by the Boston Globe as “one of the most consistently inventive performers” on the Boston comedy scene. She is the founder of ColorStruck: Women of Color in Comedy. She has performed for sold-out audiences across the country.

Last year the Women’s Night of Comedy boasted more 400 attendees. This year the event is well on its way to surpassing that total. To order tickets for the Women’s Night of Comedy or to become a sponsor, visit [www.wboa.org/comedynight](http://www.wboa.org/comedynight).

Guests can participate in a 50-50 raffle, buy raffle tickets for a myriad of gifts from local businesses or shop with local vendors who will be set up to show off their products and services.

The WBOA is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting current and aspiring female business owners and professionals in developing and growing their companies. The organization provides monthly programs, networking opportunities, educational and charity-focused events as well as inspiration and support for women all over the Pioneer Valley. For more information, visit [www.wboa.org](http://www.wboa.org) or call Mary Ann Dennis at 413-282-7526.

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## Catholic Women to hold game night

The Catholic Women’s Club of Agawam will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. The meeting will take place in the parish center of St. John the Evangelist Church at 833 Main St., Agawam.

The meeting will include “Game Night” and attendees are asked to bring a handful of quarters to participate. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome.

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# St. Pat’s Committee to meet Feb. 17

The Agawam Saint Patrick Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. The meeting will take place in the lower level classroom at St. John’s Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.



Agawam Skate Park, at Shea Field off Maynard Street, is set to receive a \$10,000 donation for new equipment. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

## SKATE ■ from page 1

ry Skate Shop managing and maintaining our skate park. With their retail stores they have an agreement with Converse. ... The donation is 100 percent from Converse.”

Springfield natives Dan Dziuban and Frank Langone, co-owners of Theory, have been building skate parks for more than 18 years, including the initial skate park in Belchertown. They are excited to bring much needed refurbishment to Agawam.

“We really wanted to bring back a ramp that Agawam has been missing for a couple years,” said Dziuban. “It was torn down a few years back. It was one of the ramps that was in the initial build there. We brought it up with [Converse] and they were willing to help us out with it. We [have been] selling Converse in our store for 10 years or longer, and a couple of guys that grew up in the local area work there now. They grew up skating in the Agawam park, so that didn’t hurt our cause at all.”

He added, “We have put in hundreds of hours in free labor building skate parks over the last 18 years. This is the first time we have actually been able to get a company, a vendor that we deal with, to donate money.”

This is also the first time a corporation has made a donation to the Agawam Skate Park. The town’s own spending on the park has fluctuated over the years. According to Sparks, some years a few thousand dollars may go into the park, and other years it drops into the hundreds.

# Vendors sought for March 19 tag sale

Agawam Congregational Church will host its annual Giant Tag Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19. In addition to a bake sale, items for sale will include clothes and accessories, toys and games, books, kitchen articles, household items and more.

Vendors are welcome. Cost for a table is \$25. For more information, call 413-786-7111.

The church is at 745 Main St., Agawam.

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# Legals

**LEGAL NOTICE  
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The Agawam City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 7:00pm**, at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider a Resolution endorsing a "Complete Streets Policy" within the Town of Agawam as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor on February 28, 2016.

The Resolution (TR-2016-12) is available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. It is also available at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA and the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

**BY ORDER OF:  
James C. Cichetti**  
President of the City Council  
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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD16C0017CA**  
**In the matter of:  
Nathan Daniel Gilbert  
Of: Chicopee, MA**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
To all persons interested in petition described:  
A petition has been presented by **Nathan D Gilbert** requesting that: **Nathan Daniel Gilbert** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:  
**Nero Daniel Carden**  
If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: 02/29/2016.  
WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 27, 2016

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate  
2/4/16

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No.HD16P0148GD**  
**In the interests of  
Laylianna K McCrae  
Of Feeding Hills, MA  
Minor**  
**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
Petition for Appointment  
of Guardian of a Minor  
NOTICE TO ALL  
INTERESTED PARTIES**  
**1. Hearing Date/Time:**  
A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 01/26/2016 by **Philip Powell, Jr.** of Feeding Hills, MA will be held 02/25/2016 08:15 a.m. Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located Probate and Family Court, 50 State Street, Springfield, MA.  
**2. Response to Petition:**  
You may respond by fil-

ing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:  
File the original with the Court; and  
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.  
**3. Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.  
**4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.  
Date: January 26, 2016  
**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
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**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
Docket No.HD16P0147GD**  
**In the interests of  
Maniyah White  
Of Feeding Hills, MA  
Minor**  
**NOTICE AND ORDER:  
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## Humason holding office hours next week

Agawam's state senator, Don Humason, will host public office hours in Westfield and Southwick later this month.

Humason or a member of his staff will be available in Westfield 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Westfield Athenaeum, 6 Elm St. All are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters.

Office hours in Southwick are 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at his district office, 64 Noble St. in Westfield. Humason's district office staff can be reached at 413-568-1366 or Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov. Humason, a Westfield Republican, represents Agawam and 10 other communities in the state Senate.

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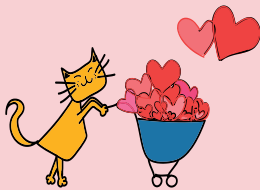
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# Youth



Members of the first grade class at St. Mary's Academy, including Samantha Eisenbeiser of Feeding Hills, standing third from right, show off the letters they wrote to U.S. troops. SUBMITTED PHOTO

## St. Mary's students write letters to troops

LONGMEADOW — This week, St. Mary's Academy, in Longmeadow partnered with Big Y to write encouraging messages to U.S. troops abroad. All grades were excited to participate and understood the importance of

supporting the troops. Students were asked to draw a picture and also write a heartfelt message. The entire collection of notes will be mailed to military units courtesy of Big Y.

### CAMPUS NOTES

**Assumption College:** Jacqueline Donahue, Jenna Fenton, Ashley Lockwood, and Cristina Zaffetti, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Fitchburg State University:** Hayley B. Burbank and Ashley M. Jediny, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Framingham State University:** Alycia Rackliffe, of Feeding Hills, was named to the fall semester president's list.

**Hofstra University:** Dabney Rauh, of Agawam, was named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Springfield College:** Aidan Pender, Leah Dominique, and Zackery Keene, of Agawam; and Amanda Ehresman, Katrina Laz, Christopher Rumpalik, Christina Vilkhovoy, and Kali Thomas, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**University of Hartford:** Benjamin Belanger, Gregory Carleton, Kimberly Fiedler, Jovanny Gomez and Anthony Vecchiarelli, of Agawam; and Justin Bousquet and Shannon Sullivan, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**University of Rhode Island:** Andrew P. Strong and Anna F. Pellegrino, of Agawam; and Danielle M. Habrat, Sydney M. Cassell, and Benjamin J. Modzelesky, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Western New England University:** Adam M. Ardolino, Maura A. Curran, Joeanna M. Glantz, Stephen R. Mateus, James R. Ridenour and Devin P. Ryan, of Agawam; and Braden C. Lucia and Adraianna M. Martinez, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester president's list. Daniella A. Bessarabova, Malik M. Calixte, Tyler P. Coughlin and Christina A. Verbetsky, of Agawam; and Megan M. Alaimo, Bridget A. Cassidy, Katelyn M. Cummings, Amy M. Grindle, Megan E. Ilnicky, Rebecca A. Lough, and Iman S. Shehemi, of Feeding Hills, were named to the fall semester dean's list.

**Worcester Polytechnic Institute:** Gaetano Scuderi, of Agawam, was one of two students recognized by the biomedical engineering department as Alfred R. and Janet H. Potvin Outstanding Undergraduate Students in Biomedical Engineering.

## Andrews wins AHS poetry recitation competition

Kaylee Andrews was named the winner last week of Agawam High School's Poetry Out Loud competition.

The AHS competition, part of a national contest, was held Jan. 28 in the school auditorium. Andrews won the competition with the recitation of "Personal" by Tony Hoagland and "April Love" by Ernest Dowson. Melissa Schuler finished as runner-up. The 17 participants, in order of appearance, were Brianna Goyette, Duncan Phillips, Kyle Garner, Meagan Olson, Diana Kulmizev, Andrews, Danielle Murray, Paige Hollander, Allison Leonard, Michael Caracciolo, Taylor DeGeorge, Yana Vorobey, Schuler, Vlad Zbedyuk, Shannon Williams, Agnessa Melnik and Kristina Tran. Participants qualified for the school-wide competition at the classroom level.

The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and

competition. Over the past 10 years, Poetry Out Loud has reached nearly 3 million students, more than 9,500 schools, and thousands of teachers across the country.

At AHS, students recited works they selected from an anthology of more than 900 classic and contemporary poems. Judges evaluated student performances on criteria including voice and articulation, evidence of understanding, and accuracy. Teachers introduced poetry recitation in the classroom using free, standards-based curriculum materials created by the NEA and the Poetry Foundation.

Andrews, as the school-wide winner, will advance to the regional contest on Sunday, March 6, in Springfield. The winner of that contest will compete to represent Massachusetts. The state winner will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete for the national championship, May 3-4. The school of the state champion will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. For more information, visit [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).



Kaylee Andrews

## School Lunch

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The following entrees are all served with sides.

- Monday, Feb. 8:** Popcorn chicken with sauce, cheese or pepperoni pizza, chicken Caesar salad or ham and cheese.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Pancakes with syrup, macaroni and cheese, french bread pizza, buffalo popcorn chicken salad, ham and cheese or turkey wrap.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Chicken fillet wrap, stuffed crust pizza, or low-fat cottage cheese on a bed of greens.
- Thursday, Feb. 11:** Assorted calzones, loaded nachos, original popcorn chicken salad, ham and cheese or turkey wrap.
- Friday, Feb. 12:** Cheese or Sue's specialty pizza, Anna's specialty salad, ham and cheese or wrap of the day, or manager's choice.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, Feb. 8:** Chicken fingers with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, baked fries, green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Cheeseburger grinder, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, baked low-fat chips, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, Feb. 11:** Chicken tacos, assorted toppings, black bean and corn salad, lettuce and tomatoes, fresh and chilled fruit, ice cream cup.
- Friday, Feb. 12:** French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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- Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Grilled cheese on whole-wheat, tomato soup, whole-grain Goldfish crackers, carrots with low-fat ranch, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Thursday, Feb. 11:** Chicken tacos, assorted toppings, black bean and corn salad, lettuce and tomatoes, fresh and chilled fruit, ice cream cup.
- Friday, Feb. 12:** French bread pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

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- Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
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## Lapping it up



Agawam children's librarian Pamela Weingart leads Tuesday's lapsit storytime.

## Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

### College acceptances

Victoria Abramchuk — Western New England University; Megan Carlin — Framingham State University; Tyler LaCamera — University of Maine, Westfield State University.

### Special interest programs

FAFSA Day 2016 is a non-profit, volunteer-driven program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For anyone attending college in the fall of 2016, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Holyoke Community College on Feb. 21. Families can learn more and register at [fafsaday.org](http://fafsaday.org).

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Associate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more information.

### Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: the Walter S. Barr Scholarship; William R. Rooney Scholarship; Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; the Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; Phillips Scholarship Fund; Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; the Springfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Valley Press Club; Dolly Lancaster Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship; Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation; Pioneer Valley Chapter/Co-operative Credit union Assoc. Scholarship; Buick Achievers Scholarship; Garden Club Federation of Mass.; National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Did You Know: Colleges have rescinded admission offers based on applicants' "bait and switch" or when students register for a full load of classes to impress the college and then drop a few after the student receives early decision admission.



Cousins Isaac Rubin, 13 months, and Joanna Machado, 18 months, participate in Lapsit Storytime with their mothers, Edina Rubin and Elisangela Ferreira, both of Feeding Hills, at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday. The weekly program includes music, movement, reading and playtime. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Andrew Karetka of Southwick, 16 months, wandered a few steps away from his grandmother to watch storytime on his own.



At left, Lynda Depalo of Agawam helps her 15-month-old great-grandson, Samuel, read a book during Tuesday's storytime. At right, Matt Moskey of Agawam participates with his son, Luke, 1.

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# SPORTS

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Brownies close to punching playoff ticket

By Dave Forbes

*Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer*

AGAWAM – With two big road wins in the past week, the Agawam boys basketball team moved that much closer towards locking up a spot in the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

Agawam kicked off the week with a 59-48 win over Minnechaug that saw the Brownies get off to some hot shooting in the first quarter and build up a lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the night.

Agawam held a 12-8 lead at the end of the first quarter and 26-20 at the half. Minnechaug tried to make a game of it in the third as they shaved one point off the Brownies lead to 42-37 after three, but Agawam pulled away with a 17-point performance in the fourth.

Sean Moore led a group of three Agawam players in double figures with 15 points. Messha Ohradka was second with 13, while Myles Scott did so with 12.

Joe Moccio just missed double figures with nine, followed by four from John LeClair and three each from Max Molta and Mike Basile.

The Brownies are now 8-3 on the season.

Agawam then pulled off a 76-61 win over East Longmeadow.

Once again, it was the same



Agawam sophomore Myles Scott (5) makes a cut with the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE FORBES



Agawam senior Michael DeStefano (13) dribbles the ball up the floor.

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## HALL OF FAME



Darryl Beane Sr., second from left, accepted the honor on behalf of his brother, Carl. Also pictured are, from left to right, Darryl Beane Sr., Butch Beane, Matt Maynard and Pamela Maynard. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

# Western Mass honors its own

By Nate Rosenthal

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

SPRINGFIELD - In 2014, a new Hall of Fame was born. That was the first year for the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame that was to honor those baseball greats who graced the diamonds of the area. From those humble beginnings, all have gone on to greater heights in the world of baseball.

This week, eight more inductees were honored at the La Quinta Inn in Springfield.

Hosting the show was the Valley Blue Sox led by Hunter Golden and his selection committee, which consisted of Clark Eckhoff, Mike Trombley, Vernon Hill, Ron Chimelis, Gary Brown and Joe McCarthy. Brown and Trombley were 2014 inductees themselves. McCarthy was honored last year.

The master of ceremonies was the estimable Scott Coen. He warmed up the crowd with a few stories before the keynote speaker, Bill Lee took center stage. Coen talked about how his life changed in 1975 when he was a college student at Emerson. He watched game six of that World Series, which in the minds of many is

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Sheehan reaches rare win number Agawam grad gets 250th victory

By Tim Peterson

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

GRANBY - In order for a high school basketball coach to win 250 games over 17 years, they'll need to average about 15 victories per season.

Tim Sheehan Sr., who has been coaching the Granby boys varsity basketball team for the past 17 years, joined the elite 250-victory club following his team's 65-56 victory against Bi-County League rival Renaissance at Sullivan Gymnasium on Jan. 22.

"I've been coaching high school basketball for a very long time" Sheehan said. "Winning 250 games is a tribute to all of the players that I've ever coached here at Granby High School."

Before being named as the Rams varsity coach prior to the start of the 1999-2000 season, Sheehan coached the Granby 7/8 grade Suburban League boys basketball team. He also coached the Rams junior varsity team for one season.

"The varsity coach at that time then left the following year and I was named as the varsity coach in 1999," he said. "I've been coaching the varsity team ever since."

While winning 250 games is a

very special accomplishment, the most important thing for Sheehan was watching his team defeat a very good Renaissance squad.

"250 wins is just a number," said Sheehan, who graduated from Agawam High School. "Winning the game against a very good Renaissance team was the most important thing to me. We played very well in that game."

Sheehan, who won his first career varsity game against Gateways, talked about how much the game has changed during his coaching career.

"The game is so much faster now and more players can shoot 3-pointers," he said. "When I first started coaching, there were only a couple of three-point shooters on my team, but now every player on the team can make that shot. It's a very big part of the game. The game has changed a lot over the years, but you still have to play good defense in order to win."

One of the goals for every high school basketball team in Western Massachusetts is to advance to the District semifinals and finals, which have been held for many years at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass

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recipe as the win over Minnechaug as the Brownies jumped out to a 15-10 lead after the first, 33-24 at the half and 56-45 at the end of the third.

Ohradka knocked down three 3-pointers as he finished with a game-high 20 points. Moore helped out with 18, followed by 17 from Moccio, including three

3-pointers. Mike DeStefano had two 3-pointers for eight points, while Scott had eight and LeClair chipped in with five.

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Agawam senior Joe Moccio (21) flips a shot towards the basket. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE FORBES

Fishing and hunting swap meet

AGAWAM - The annual Agawam Fishing and Hunting Swap Meet will take place at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

The show will take place on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a \$2 door charge.

This show will have all kinds of fishing and hunting gear. In the past vendors have new, used, antique Fishing and hunting gear. This includes fresh water, salt water and ice fishing equipment. We also have on hand many antique vendors and sellers to quote that old tackle for free. This show has something for everyone.

If you are interested in selling your gear at this show please call Dave Dussault now at 413-427-0846 to reserve your space. This show has sold out of vending space every year it was held.



INDOOR TRACK

Christie takes fourth in shot put

Gallerani grabs fourth in high jump

By Dave Forbes  
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

NORTHAMPTON – The Western Massachusetts high school indoor track and field season concluded with its penultimate event at Springfield College — the PVIAC Championships.

East Longmeadow took home the top spot on the girls side with 59 points, followed closely by Northampton with 55, and Westfield and South Hadley tied for third with 51 points.

Agawam finished in 13th with 12 points.

On the boys side, Amherst captured the championship with 77 points. Northampton placed second with 72 points, followed by Minnechaug in third with 49.

**Agawam came in 16th with 4.5 points**

For the girls, sophomore Sabrina Christie placed fourth in the shot put at 33-02 1-4, junior Caroline Hitchcock finished fifth in the high jump at 5-00 and eighth in the long jump at 15-08 3-4, senior Grace Greene came in seventh in the high jump at 4-10, senior Victoria Abramchuk placed ninth in the long jump at 15-06 1-4, junior Sierra Kruser tied for 10th in the high jump at 4-06.

Agawam came in ninth in the 4x400 meter relay with a time of 4:33.06.

For the boys, senior Troy Gallerani tied for fourth in the high jump at 5-08.

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Amherst campus.

In Sheehan’s first year as a varsity coach, the Rams lost against Pioneer Regional by three points in the Western Mass. finals at the Cage. Three years later, the Rams lost against Easthampton in the finals by two points.

Granby finally took home the Western Mass. Division 3 championship trophy for the first time in school history in 2005.

“That was a very special season and it was just a great group of players,” Sheehan said. “It really doesn’t seem like it took place 11 years ago.”

The Rams, who finished with a 21-3 overall record in the 2004-2005 season, defeated Sabis, 68-37, in the Western Mass. finals.

“We lost a tough game to St. Joe’s in the quarterfinals the previous season, which helped propel us into the next season,” Sheehan said. “Winning a championship title is such a wonderful thing, but it makes you want to win even more. I love being around all of these guys and I love coaching basketball, but I also want to win just like any other coach.”

Sheehan has surrounded himself with a solid group of assistant coaches.

One of the Rams assistants is Rob Desormier, whose son, Joe, is a junior guard on this year’s varsity team.

Jeremy Lapointe, Zack Gilley, and Dana Light, who are all former members of the Rams varsity basketball team, are also assistant coaches.

to play in more games than he did.”

Tim Sheehan Jr., is also a very good baseball player and he’s planning to be a member of the Holyoke Community College baseball team this spring. His father also played college baseball at the same school.

“I was a member of the varsity basketball team when my father won his 200th game and I’m an assistant coach this year when he won his 250th game,” Sheehan Jr. said. “I’m very glad that I was a big part of it and it’s a very big accomplishment for him. Basketball is a big part of his life.”

Coach Sheehan, who didn’t play basketball in college, will probably be coaching another son during the next couple of years. Ryan Sheehan is currently a sophomore member of the Rams junior varsity team.

Coach Sheehan won his 251st career game on the road against league rival Monson by the final score of 55-42 on Jan. 25. He also won his 200th career game against Monson on Dec. 13, 2012.

Sheehan isn’t sure how many more years he’ll continue to coach the Rams boys varsity basketball team, but the next varsity coach will certainly have some very big shoes to fill.

*Tim Peterson is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at dforbes@turley.com.*

Correction

In the story “Gorkey Recognized for Outstanding Effort,” the number of years that Vito Depalo severed as team manager was incorrect.

He served for 20 years.

We apologize for the error.

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# Sports

## SWIMMING

# Brownies split with Mustangs in pool

By Nate Rosenthal

*Turley Publications Sports Correspondent*

MONSON - The Agawam swim team visited Monson this week and with the dual meet season drawing to an end, the teams are preparing for the postseason championships.

The boys came into the meet tied with Monson for second place in the Patriot Division, with a shot at catching Chicopee Comprehensive. The Brownies led by six through four events, but without any divers, they fell behind as Monson swept the event. That proved to be the difference in the meet.

Down by six points after four events, Monson took the lead with a first-place finish in the 200 medley relay. Pennington, Mike Leyburn, Tim Hedspeth and Lima went 1:54.23 to beat the Agawam foursome of Victor Shapovalov, Benjamin McKiernan, David Welch and Luis Nieves by 3 seconds. The Brownies got third with Ryan Haines, Brian Keefe, Joshua Shea and Frank Mastromatteo. The score after the event was 8-6.

Agawam took first place in the next three events to take the lead. It was John Wheat, 2:02.72, in the 200 freestyle, a second ahead of Matt Nodell. Mike Blaine was

third. The event was scored 8-8. It was one/two for the Brownies in the 200 individual medley with Shapovalov, 2:11.59 and Shea. Hedspeth was third. That gave Agawam a two point lead. Welch won the 50 free in 24.08, beating Lima. Mastromatteo got a third for Agawam and through the first four events, they led 34-28.

Pennington scored a 273.45 to win the diving. Lima and Valencourt made it a 13-0 sweep as Agawam had no divers. The score shifted to 41-34 for the Mustangs.

Over the next four events, the 100 butterfly, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle, relay, the Mustangs gained a point, despite Agawam having taken first in three of the four. In the 100 fly, it was Welch, 59.25 in first with Leyburn and Ryan Nodell in second and third. The Mustangs picked up the one first in the 100 free as Pennington, 53.14 was a half second faster than Wheat. Nieves took third. Shea won the 599 free in 5:57.54, with second and third going to Hedspeth and Mike Plante. the 200 medley relay went to the Brownies with Nieves, Wheat, Mastromatteo and Welch at 1:43.79. Matt Nodell, Valencourt, Plante and Lima were second. Nathan Bruneau, Zack Wysk, Tyler Richardson and Pat Bruneau placed third. The score was 72-64 for Monson.

Shapovalov, 58.41, won the 100 backstroke for Agawam, but with a second and third by Matt Nodell and Jacob Braz, the Mustangs went 8-8 in the event. They put the meet away with a one/two finish in the 100 breaststroke. Leyburn won with 1:06.84 and Valencourt was second. McKiernan got third for the Brownies. That, however, gave the Mustangs a 14 point lead at 91-77. That was more than Agawam could get in the 400 free relay, even if they swept. With Shea, Wheat, Shapovalov and Mastromatteo going 3:55.94 they did take first, but the Mustangs got second and third from Matt Nodell, Hedspeth, Leyburn, Pennington and Nathan Bruneau, Connor Rogers, Braz and Ryan Nodell. The event went 8-6.

With the loss, Agawam dropped to 3-2 in the league, eliminating them from title consideration. They had beaten Palmer, 120-60 earlier in the week. Agawam will finish their season with South Hadley. The Brownies are 7-5 overall.

Agawam dominated the girls meet from start to finish, with a first place in every event, except diving, where they had no entries. The Brownies took a 10-4 lead in the 200 medley relay and never looked back. In the relay, the foursome of Sophia Pearson, Erin Dustin, Mary D'Angelo and Janelli Leclair went 2:11.27 to take first. Kayla

Dvorchak, Emma Wahlund, Lizzie Zollo and Allie Zollo were second. Agawam got third as well with Amberlie Brenes, Sam Swistak, Erica Rogers and Erin Lavoie.

Three first-place finishes followed for the Brownies. D'Angelo, 2:24.33, won the 200 free with teammate Rogers in second. Abby Murphy was third for Monson. It was first second and third in the 200 individual medley with Pearson, 2:25.18, Dustin and Lavoie. Katie Roberts was fourth for the Mustangs. Leclair won the 50 free in 28.26. The Mustangs got second and third with Allie and Lizzie Zollo. Through four events, the Brownies led 44-24.

Monson made it six points closer in the diving as Dvorchak scored a 210.55. There were not Agawam divers.

That was as close as Monson would get, as that would be their only first-place finish, as well as their only winning event. D'Angelo, 1:15.36 and Pearson were first and second in the 100 butterfly. Lizzie Zollo was third. Leclair, 1:03.07, won the 100 freestyle; Allie Zollo and Lizzie Roberts were second and third. Dustin, 5:56.24, won the 500 freestyle and Lavoie made it first and third for Agawam. Murphy was second for Monson in the event. Now the score was 74-42.

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considered the greatest baseball game ever played. Coen became a Red Sox fan and set on a path that has made him a fixture out here. He pointed out that the difference between success and failure is small. He used the baseball example of 25 hits is the difference between batting .250 and .300 or one hit per week during a baseball season.

Golden was next to speak and he made a presentation to pitcher, Bryan Goossens as the MVP of the Blue Sox. Goossens, from Hampden, played his high school ball at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham. He first put on a Blue Sox uniform in 2013 and enjoyed a successful season here before moving on to the Cape Cod league the following season. He returned to the team in 2015 and went on to have a great season posting a 2.40 ERA in 48 2-3 innings pitched and fanning 37. Goossens earned a trip to the NECBL All Star game.

Then it was time for the show, that being the keynote speaker, Bill "Spaceman" Lee. After playing college ball for the great Rod Dedeaux at the University of Southern California from 1964-1968, he found himself just a year later on the major league roster of the Boston Red Sox. For the better part of four years, he was a relief pitcher for the Sox. In 1973, he got a chance to start and won 17 games that year. He won 17 games two more times and in 1975, Lee started two games in the World Series. Bill Lee was a rather outspoken individual during his playing days and he would be known to get on the nerves of some of his managers, most notably Don Zimmer. He was traded to Montreal in 1978 and would win 16 games for them a year later. Lee retired from major league baseball in 1982. He continues to play baseball at a semipro level, even though he is on the cusp of seventy. He has written books and has been the subject of several documentaries.

For the next 44 minutes, Bill Lee entertained the crowd with story after story about, what else, baseball. One subject to which he devoted some time was "the brawl" in 1976 with the Yankees. Following a collision at home plate between Carleton Fisk and Lou Piniella, Lee got into it with a couple of Yankees, Mickey Rivers and Craig Nettles. Those watching the game at home on television would see him coming out of a crowd holding his left shoulder in pain. That is something many of us will never forget. Throughout his speech, one thing was abundantly clear, Bill Lee loves the game of baseball or as he put it so aptly, that is his "addiction."

Golden then reintroduced Coen, who would guide the crowd through the inductions.

The first inductee was Ray Fagnant from Chicopee. He made his mark as a

player first at Holyoke Catholic in the early eighties and then at Assumption College in Worcester. Fagnant got to a shot at pro ball and made it as high as AA at New Britain, Boston Red Sox affiliate. Then in 1993, he was provided the opportunity to become a scout for the Red Sox, where he remains to this day as the head of the Northeast District. As a scout, Fagnant is on the go constantly and in though the baseball season may end in October, it is ongoing for scouts like Fagnant. He travels throughout the country to watch ballplayers develop. He may not be a household name in Red Sox Nation, but his role in "discovering" talent for the ball club is held in high regard by the organization. In his brief speech, Fagnant recalled his days at Holyoke Catholic and the people who influenced him, like Dan Dulchinos. He put in a big plug for Tri-County baseball in general and the Chicopee Falls Tigers. That is an ongoing outlet for baseball to this day.

Wayne Granger of Huntington was the next honoree. He was a relief pitcher in the 60s and 70s. It was in 1969, with the Cincinnati Reds, that Granger set a major league record with 90 appearances. That record was broken five years later by Mike Marshall, but both happened in the National League. No American League reliever has made more than 89 appearances. In 1970, he had 35 saves in 67 games, a record at the time and he won his second straight Fireman of the Year award. Over eight years from 1968-1976, Granger pitched for eight teams, but the work took its toll on his arm and he retired at the age of 32. Back in high school, he once struck out 30 batters in a 14-inning game. One of his notable moments was throwing the final pitch at Cincinnati's Crosley Field in 1970. Granger could not attend and his award was picked up by Don Prohovich, who spoke on his behalf.

The third inductee was Carl Beane, of Agawam. Beane is a figure who is near and dear many a Red Sox fan, for he would become the public address announcer for their home games in 2003. He would remain a fixture at Fenway Park for the next nine years until his tragic death in 2012. Beane was a sports fan extraordinaire and he had a booming voice that was made for his role. The Red Sox had gone through a couple of people after the death of long-time announcer Sherm Feller and it may have been the fact that he sounded so much like Feller that he caught on quickly. Carl traveled around and made appearances where he would let fans wear his World Series rings from 2004 and 2007. He would also come out of the press box and greet people from time to time. I am one of those people that had that honor. Beane always seemed to know what he wanted to do and soon after high school, he went to the Ca-

reer Academy Broadcasting School. After graduating in 1972, he had his first job in the field. Carl Beane's award was accepted by his brother, Darryl.

Next up was Howie Burns, who coached at Springfield Tech. Between 1968 and 1970, his teams went 55-5 and had a 41 game winning streak. He also coached the East Springfield American Legion team, Post 420. Those teams in the 70s were considered some of the best in the country and were seen in the American Legion World Series. But Burns was also a fixture at Westfield State and in the Tri-County League. While Burns was in the audience, Richard Bedard, a 2015 inductee received his award and spoke to the crowd.

He was known as "Leo the Lip" and of the 23 managers who have made it to Cooperstown, Leo Durocher of West Springfield was the only one from Western Massachusetts. In his 25 years as a manager, he won three pennants and one world championship, that with the New York Giants in 1954. Preceding that was a stint with the Brooklyn Dodgers and at the end of his career, he managed the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros. Durocher also played 17 years with the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals in the 20's and 30's. He got his nickname because of his combative nature with umpires and he became a role model of sorts for some the feistier managers that followed him. Durocher was elected to Cooperstown in 1994, three years after his death at 86.

From 1961 to 1964, Chicopee High dominated the high school baseball scene. Over that four-year span, they went 80-11 and won the state title three times. The team was coached by Bill Moge, a legend in Chicopee. And the assistant coach, Dan Dulchinos would go on to become a legend himself, when he took over the new program at Chicopee Comp. His teams won more than 600 games in his career than spanned more than four decades. He was inducted in 2014. The starting shortstop

on the three champions was Alex Vyce, who could not be there that night. In attendance though were Al Stanek, who was an inductee himself in 2014 along with Dulchinos. Stanek, a pitcher, made it to the majors with the San Francisco Giants in the early sixties. There was Bill Davis, the number two behind Stanek, making up a formidable duo. It was the Chicopee version of "Spahn and Sain, pray for rain." Speaking on behalf of the team was Norm Burgess.

The next inductee was Dave Grills, who was a coach at Hampshire College for a great part of his seven decade long career. He was also the manager of Wayne Granger at Huntington High in 1962. Grills is the only coach in Western Mass to win sectional titles in three different sports. He had teams that won in basketball and cross country to go along with his 1986 baseball title. Though he hasn't been a varsity head coach since 2000, he is still active as an assistant at Northampton High. He accepted the award himself.

The final inductee was Fran Healy from Holyoke. Healy was unable to attend in person, but he sent along a video to show his appreciation. Healy played from 1969 to 1978, starting with the Kansas City Royals and he finished with the Yankees as apart of the "Bronx Zoo" teams. A highlight of his playing days was catching two no hitters by Steve Busby in 1973 and 1974. After his playing career, he achieved even greater fame as an announcer for the Yankees and Mets. His video was very entertaining and he managed to get in a few words to the keynote speaker, Bill Lee.

At the conclusion of the presentations, many of the inductees remained in the hall to talk with fans and sign autographs. Lee, as he had been earlier was holding court as well.

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**Friday, Feb. 5**

DUO FUSION WORLD MUSIC CONCERT, 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Flutist Sarah Swersey and guitarist Joe Belmont create exquisite sounds that soar all over the musical map. A free concert, part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series.

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAMS WINE TASTING fundraiser, 7 to 11 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, music, raffle prizes and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance by contacting Calli Phillips at 413-575-3377 or at the door.

AGAWAM ROBOTICS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Team 839 Rosie Robotics World Famous Ziti Dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Tickets available at the door or from any Rosie Robotics student, \$8 per adult, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5.

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

THE FR. THOMAS SHEA COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER PICNIC, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children age 5 to 12, and free for children under the age of 5. For more information, call Al Matos Sr. at 413-569-6914 or 413-244-6034.

GREAT BARRINGTON KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW, today and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

ROTARY CLUB ICE FISHING DERBY to raise funds for the war memorial outside the Southwick Congregational Church, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Congamond Lakes North Ramp Gazebo. \$20 entry fee. For derby rules and details, visit [www.southwickrotary.org](http://www.southwickrotary.org). Contact Rotarian Bill Alaimo at 413-563-3767 with any questions.

**Wednesday, Feb. 10**

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

**Thursday, Feb. 11**

SACRED HEART PARISH, 1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills will host the annual Mass of Healing and Anointing at 6 p.m. Bishop Mitchell Rozanski will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of the Sick will be available as well as the opportunity to be prayed over by one of the many priests and deacons that will be there for this event. Reception will Mass at the Parish Center.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE

will present "The Armory Show, Chamber of Horrors or Exhibition of Art?" featuring Gloria Russell, retired art critic and professor of art history, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

**Friday, Feb. 12**

SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW, today through Monday, in the Better Living Center, Young Building and Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$11 general admission (\$9 with online coupon); children 12 and under free; seniors, disabled American veterans and military, \$7.

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**Saturday, Feb. 13**

COMEDY NIGHT hosted by the Agawam Dog Owners Group, 8 p.m., Oak Ridge Golf Club. 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks. Tickets \$20, available at Southgate Liquors (next to Geissler's) or online at [www.AgawamDogPark.com](http://www.AgawamDogPark.com). For more information or reservations of six or more, call Cheryl at 413-374-8336.

THE SUFFIELD WINTER FARMER'S MARKET will be at the Large Animal Facility in back of the high school at 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local crafters and vendors also offer a large variety of items. For more information, visit [www.suffieldfarmer-smarket.com](http://www.suffieldfarmer-smarket.com).

**Sunday, Feb. 14**

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**

THE AGAWAM SAINT PATRICK COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. New members are welcome.

**Friday, Feb. 19**

SPRINGFIELD SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, today through Sunday, in the Better Living Center and Stroh Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$13; children 6 to 12, \$5; under 6, free.

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

KIDS FUN FAIR / TRAVELING ZOO, today and Sunday, in Mallary East on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 12 and under free with coupon.

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**Sunday, Feb. 21**

"HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH MUSLIM NEIGHBORS," a program sponsored by the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council and the Connecticut Council for Inter-religious Understanding Hartford Seminary, will be held at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield. For more information, call the church at 860-668-0456 or visit [interfaith@ccfiu.org](http://interfaith@ccfiu.org).

**Thursday, Feb. 25**

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Drawing the Portrait" featuring Christina Grace Mastrangelo, classical painter and teacher, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext

**Friday, Feb. 26**

FRANK MARATTA'S AUTO AND RACE-A-RAMA SHOW today through Sunday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 8 to 12, \$7.50; free for children 7 and under.

**Saturday, Feb. 27**

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host a program on the culture and food of Korea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Designed for adults and children age 7 and over, it will take place either at the library's current home, 61 Ffyer Place, Suffield, or at 50 N. Main St., Suffield, depending on the status of renovations. To register or to confirm the location, visit [www.suffield-library.org](http://www.suffield-library.org) or call 860-668-3896.

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ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

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**Monday, Feb. 8:** Chicken stir-fry, stir-fry vegetables, brown rice, watermelon.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Paella (rice with sausage, ham and chicken), three-bean salad, fruit.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** Pasta fagioli, vegetarian baked stuffed potato, cheddar cheese, pudding.  
**Thursday, Feb. 11:** Hamburg and gravy over rice, dilled carrots, applesauce.  
**Friday, Feb. 12:** Apple cranberry-stuffed pork loin, red roasted potatoes, green bean casserole, Jell-O, cake with chocolate-covered strawberry.

**Calendar of Events**

**Monday, Feb. 8:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Valentine's Day candy-making, line dancing; 10 a.m. Fallon Insurance agent available; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba.  
**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** S.H.I.N.E. representative available (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class, sewing

class; 10 a.m., chair exercise, Computer Club meeting; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("The Proposal"), ladies billiards, Reiki available (call Carlene at 525-7345); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, evening sewing.  
**Wednesday, Feb. 10:** 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Club Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba; 6:30 p.m., Turnverein chorus.  
**Thursday, Feb. 11:** free tax preparation (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise, 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., Pilates; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dance.  
**Friday, Feb. 12:** 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 9:30, tai chi; 11:30 a.m., Valentine's Day luncheon (\$6, music with Ted Hamel and Raffles); noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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It was one/three in the 200 free relay for the Brownies. Victoria Sutherland, Leclair, Swistak and Pearson took first in 2:0051. That was 1 second ahead of Alexis Wemette, Wahlund, Katie Roberts and Al-lie Zollo. Brenes, Phu, Ashley Lavierra were third. Pearson, 1:10.15 and Olivia Brooks were first and second in the 100 back for Agawam. Lizzie Roberts was third. Swistak, 1:23.25 won the 100 breast. Wahlund and Katherine Sauriol were second and third. Agawam took the 400 free relay in

4:25.46 with Shannon Williams, D'Angelo, Dustin and Sutherland. In second was Katie Roberts, Lizzie Roberts, Wahlund and Lizzie Zollo. Murphy, Emily Cresentini, Wemette and Sauriol were third.

The Brownies beat Palmer, on Tuesday, 113-57. They are 3-2 in the league and 5-7 overall. They finish with South Hadley.

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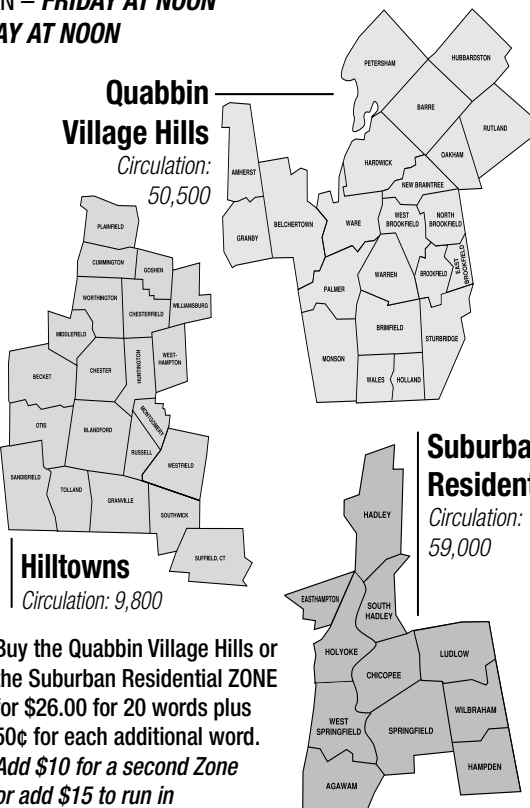
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## Corbin takes job at ICNE

Insurance Center of New England, one of the largest privately owned independent insurance agencies in the region, has announced the appointment of Steve Corbin as account executive in the Employee Benefits department. Steve joins ICNE with seven years' prior service with Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and seven and a half years with Aetna. He is licensed in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

"As an independent insurance agency, we put the needs of individuals, families and businesses first," said William Trudeau, president and CEO of Insurance Center of New England. "We are independent agents for more than two dozen insurance carriers, but we represent our customers, working as their advocate and advisor in the often complex world of insurance and employee benefits. It's great to have Steve join ICNE as an additional resource on the Employee Benefits team to help us provide enhanced service to our clients."

ICNE is headquartered in Agawam. For more information, visit [www.icne.com](http://www.icne.com).

## Next Fitness opens



A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Jan. 5 at Next Fitness, 491 Springfield St., Agawam. Among those joining owners Anthony Liquori, Lucia Liquori and Martino DiBenedetto to mark the occasion were James Cichetti, City Council president, and Joseph Mineo, City Council vice-president. SUBMITTED PHOTO

# Church Directory

**AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
745 Main St., Agawam  
786-7111  
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson  
[office@AgawamCong.com](mailto:office@AgawamCong.com)  
[www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com](http://www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com)

SUNDAY SERVICES at 10 a.m.  
Communion on the first Sunday of the month  
Church school is in session and fellowship coffee hour follows the service.  
"A place to call home -- A people to call family"

**AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
459 Mill St., Feeding Hills  
413-786-4174  
Pastor: Ken Blanchard  
[email\\_agawamumc@gmail.com](mailto:email_agawamumc@gmail.com)  
[www.agawamworship.org](http://www.agawamworship.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Holy Communion served 1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Coffee hour after worship; Bible Study after fellowship.  
Prepare Meal for Samaritan Inn Homeless Shelter 2nd Saturdays 2-5 p.m.  
Offsite Worship:  
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.  
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.  
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

**BETHANY ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
580 Main St., Agawam  
(413) 789-2930  
[www.bethany-ag.org](http://www.bethany-ag.org)

Senior Pastor: Rev. Richard E. Adams  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
Sunday 9am & 10:45am  
Christian Education offered during both services.  
Nightlife Contemporary Service: Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF REDEMPTION**  
50 Maple St., Agawam  
(413) 304-2313  
[churchor.org](http://churchor.org)

WORSHIP SERVICES  
Summer Schedule  
Sunday Services, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Sunday school for children and nursery for younger children

**FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**  
370 Shoemaker Lane  
Agawam  
(413) 786-1681  
[jesussaves.7@comcast.net](mailto:jesussaves.7@comcast.net)  
Website: [www.faithbible-church.org](http://www.faithbible-church.org)  
Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES  
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer  
Meeting and Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

**FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC**  
"An Open and Affirming Congregation."  
21 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills  
P.O. Box 264  
(413) 786-5061  
[fhccucc@comcast.net](mailto:fhccucc@comcast.net)  
Pastor: The Rev. Robert C. Donaldson

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP  
Church School 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Infant and child care provided.  
Handicap accessible.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AGAWAM**  
760 Main St., Agawam  
[churchedie@comcast.net](mailto:churchedie@comcast.net)  
[www.firstbaptistagawam.org](http://www.firstbaptistagawam.org)  
Pastor: Rev. George Thomson

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School (grades K - 5) following Children's Message until 10:45  
Youth Group meets at 11 a.m.  
Coffee & Conversation following worship service

**HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
152 South Westfield St.  
Feeding Hills  
789-2026

SUNDAY SERVICES  
Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups and Children's Sunday School Worship Service at 10 a.m. Children's Church for age 3 to high school takes place after the service. Nursery available for younger children. A time for fellowship after the service.

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
522 Springfield Street  
Feeding Hills, MA 01030  
413-821-0937  
Senior Elders Bob and Barbara Olmstead  
Email: [office@lighthousema.com](mailto:office@lighthousema.com)  
Web: [www.lighthousema.com](http://www.lighthousema.com)

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Saturday evening Celebration at 6 to 8 PM  
Saturday evening Prayer from 5 - 5:45 PM  
1-hour classes for children ages 3 to 12 during service  
Nursery available for younger children  
SMALL GROUP MEETINGS in homes during the week  
(call or see website for more information)

**MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
Feeding Hills, MA  
478-9484  
David L. Short, Pastor

Sunday Family Bible Study Hour, 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH**  
1103 Springfield St., Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-8200  
[www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org](http://www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org)  
Fr. Steven Amo

WEEKLY SERVICES  
Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.  
Confessions: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m.  
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.  
Special Devotions: Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart following the Friday 9 a.m. Mass

**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rector: The Rev. Dr. Harvey Hill  
699 Springfield St.

Feeding Hills  
(413) 786-6133  
[saintdavid@comcast.net](mailto:saintdavid@comcast.net)  
[www.stdavidsagawam.org](http://www.stdavidsagawam.org)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Rite II and Holy Eucharist  
Sunday school and Nursery during 10 a.m. service  
Coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service  
Handicap Accessible

OFFSITE WORSHIP  
Church without Walls, 2nd Sunday of the month at 12 p.m. at Parish Pantry, West Springfield  
Holy Eucharist and distribution of bag lunches

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
823 Main St., Agawam  
786-8105  
[info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org](mailto:info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org)  
[www.stjohnagawam.org](http://www.stjohnagawam.org)

SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
Saturdays: 5 p.m. Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation: Fridays, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Saturdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.  
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.  
Thursday: Communion Service



# Art group looks at perspective this month

Douglas Gillette will demonstrate perspective in drawing or painting at the Tobacco Valley Artists Association's meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Gillette began his professional career as an illustrator for Johns Hopkins University in the 1970s, exhibiting art at such places as the Whitney Museum in New York, the Smithsonian Institution, the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and Cambridge University in England.

In keeping with his philosophy that drawing should be the foundation of most artwork, Gillette has spent many years developing a finely detailed drawing and painting style that has earned him numerous awards and considerable recognition. He is known throughout New England for his mastery of silverpoint.

Doug has exhibited in solo shows in Virginia, Massachusetts and Connecticut. He has been juried into numerous national exhibitions, a few of which include Birds in Art, Art of the Animal Kingdom, National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic, Allied Artists of America and the American Artists Professional League. His work has been published in American Artist Drawing magazine, American Artist Watercolor magazine and Strokes of Genius II and VII. His works are in permanent collections including the Bennington Center for the Arts, New Haven Paint and Clay Club, Evansville Museum of Fine Art and numerous private collectors.

Doug's home and studio are in Enfield, where he creates paintings and drawings in traditional academic style. In addition, he teaches drawing and painting at the Springfield Museums. He is past president and vice president of the Academic Artists Association and past president of the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts. He is also an elected master artist of the Cape Cod Art Association, an elected member of Allied Artists of America, North Shore Arts Association, Rockport Art Association, New Haven Paint and Clay Club, Academic Artists Association, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts and a charter member of the Connecticut River Valley Artists in Somers, Conn.

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association comprises members throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. Regular meetings and artist demonstrations are held on the third Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to attend.



Doug Gillette

## Join the Springfield Symphony Orchestra in February, at Symphony Hall!

**GRIEG PIANO CONCERTO**  
**Sat. February 6, 2016 at 7:30 PM**  
Kevin Rhodes, Conductor | Claire Huangci, Piano  
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**Sat. February 27, 2016 at 7:30 PM**  
Kevin Rhodes, Conductor | Avery Brooks, Narrator  
**GERSHWIN** Porgy and Bess Concert Suite  
**ELLINGTON** Excerpts from *The River* | **SCHWANTNER** New Morning for the World -  
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